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INTERZONAL TRADE IN GERMANY (53 pp; [REDACTED])

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This report consists of a copy of a booklet "Sopade" (Social-Democratic Party of Germany) dealing with the problems of interzonal trade in Germany. It is a comparatively objective report and contains a certain amount of substantiating material in the form of statistics and excerpts from official speeches.

The report contains the following chapters:

A) New negotiations about to start. In this chapter it is suggested that a sterner attitude be taken in future negotiations regarding interzonal trade.

B) Interzonal trade serves Bolshevization. This chapter explains how Soviet deliveries are made at the cost of the East German population, how West German goods are used for building up people-owned enterprises and armament industries in the Soviet Union and its satellite countries, how interzonal trade serves as a means of aiding the Communist Party in West Germany financially, and how interzonal trade is used as an instrument for undermining morale.

C) Methods of interzonal trade. This chapter deals with trade according to contracts, individual business deals within the interzonal trade, and - at great length - illegal interzonal trade.

D) Advantages of interzonal trade to the German Federal Republic and to the Soviet Zone of Germany.

E) Conditions for interzonal trade.

F) Berlin's position in regard to interzonal trade.

G) The Government of the German Federal Republic without plan and aim in regard to interzonal trade.

Attached to the booklet is a clipping from the European Edition of the Herald Tribune, 14 April 1951, giving the date of distribution of the booklet described above as 13 April 1951.

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